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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the matter of manufacturing the first Light Combat Aircraft stands at present along with its special features;

(b) whether the necessary tests of this aircraft have been undertaken;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon so far; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be included in the IAF?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Of the two LCA Technology Demonstrator aircraft (TD-1 & TD-2), TD-1 has been fabricated and is undergoing integration testing on ground. TD-2 is under integration. This is a part of Full Scale Engineering Development (Phase-1).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A variety of integration tests on ground, including Low Speed Taxi trials of TD-1 have been conducted as part of the test programme to precede its maiden flight. Rs. 1767.64 crores is the expenditure as on 31.3.2000 on the LCA project.

(d) In Phase-2, additional LCA Prototype Vehicles would be built leading to clearance for production.At present, LCA induction in IAF is expected to occur by 2005.